

## MRS. GRIFFIN HELD ON SECOND CHARGE

Out on Bail With Husband, She  
Is Arrested Again as  
Swindler.

### ONE "VICTIM" HOLDS BACK

Rather Than Reveal Identity  
He Would Pay Another  
\$100,000.

Interesting touches were added yesterday to the story of financial and social activity woven by the Federal authorities about Francis H. Griffin, the lawyer, and his wife, Clara H. Griffin.

After a night spent in cells of the East Fifty-first street police station, Mr. and Mrs. Griffin were arraigned before Judge Mayer in the Federal District Court on a charge of using the mails to defraud. They were arrested in Groton, Mass., on Friday and brought to this city immediately by Post Office Inspectors Mayhew and Swain. Judge Mayer held Griffin in \$25,000 bail and his wife in \$10,000.

The couple had no sooner furnished the bail bonds than Mrs. Griffin was arrested by Detective Barney Flood of District Attorney Whitman's office. Mrs. Griffin is under indictment in the criminal courts on a charge of larceny growing out of the alleged swindle in which Mr. and Mrs. Griffin are said to have induced some of their society friends to invest more than \$300,000 in a stenographic company which was supposed to be under contract with the Government in trust investigations.

Forfeiture \$7,500 Bail.

Mrs. Griffin, who is said to have arranged the entire scheme and to have depended upon her husband's reputation as a lawyer, club member and philanthropist to give it weight, was taken before Judge Mayer in the Federal District Court on a charge of larceny growing out of the alleged swindle in which Mr. and Mrs. Griffin are said to have induced some of their society friends to invest more than \$300,000 in a stenographic company which was supposed to be under contract with the Government in trust investigations.

Some idea of the social prestige of the Griffins is found in the fact that they induced a man of prominence in New England to invest \$100,000 in the stenographic company. This man was so mortified by the exposure of the alleged swindle and the possibility of his name being published that he refused to testify against the Griffins. The Federal authorities for this reason cannot give out his name.

"Rather than let the public know what a fool I was to put my money in a velvet club venture," he told Post Office Inspectors Swain and Mayhew, "I would willingly pay another \$100,000."

Sum Involved \$500,000.

The amount of money actually invested in the stenographic company is said by the Federal authorities to be around \$500,000. About \$200,000 was returned to the victims as part of the alleged scheme of the Griffins to make the investors believe that they actually were making money.

Miss C. N. Cronyn, a former secretary of the late Mayor Gaynor, invested \$30,000 and \$40,000 was returned to her. Miss Cronyn has a stenographic business of her own in Brooklyn and does considerable work for the city. She was once in partnership with Mrs. Griffin when the latter was Miss Clara H. Holland. Mrs. Griffin got so little work for the concern, it is said, that the partnership was dissolved.

The indictment in the criminal courts charges Mrs. Griffin with obtaining money on false pretenses from E. E. Walters, an electrical contractor of 157 West Fourth street, and Mrs. Catherine T. Kennedy, housekeeper for the White Rats Actors Union of America at 422 West Forty-sixth street. Walters, it is alleged, lost \$4,000 in a note paying transaction with the Griffins.

One of a Group.

Mrs. Kennedy, who knew Mrs. Griffin when the latter was a girl in Belcherstown, Mass., was one of a group of people of moderate means who invested \$11,000 in the stenographic company. She furnished \$5,500 of this sum.

The Griffins had in their employ as private secretary a Miss Miller, for whom Inspectors Swain and Mayhew are searching. Her name figured as general manager of the Chicago office in letters addressed to friends and acquaintances the wisdom of investing in the Griffin enterprises. She was also described as the one who did the stenographic bureau's secret service work for the Griffins. Some of the Griffins' victims recall ever having seen Miss Miller, however, and the inspectors would like to establish the fact that she is really in the flesh.

It is said that once a Brooklyn investor made plans to call upon Miss Miller in Chicago and the Griffins warned him to keep away from her, as his visit might expose their secret connection. He therefore kept away from Chicago.

### DAHLGREN WANTS ESTATE.

Harvard Stepson of Harry Lehr  
Seeks to Depose Guardian.

An application was made in the Surrogate's Court yesterday by John Vinton Dahlgren, stepson of Harry Lehr and grandson of the late Rear Admiral John A. Dahlgren, to remove his uncle, Eric B. Dahlgren, as his guardian and to compel the guardian to deliver to him his share of the estate of his great-grandfather, Samuel Vinton of Ohio, who died in 1864. Dahlgren, who is a student at Harvard, said he became guardian in June 30 last and that his uncle has refused to give him his property.

Counsel for Eric B. Dahlgren told the Surrogate a suit has been brought in Ohio, where the Vinton estate is held, in which it is alleged that John Vinton Dahlgren is entitled to no part of the estate and that all previous payments to the guardian are illegal because the bequest to the great-grandson is in violation of the Ohio statute. In this proceeding the guardian has been directed to deliver all the funds in his hands to the Ohio court pending the determination of the question. The amount now in possession of the guardian is \$70,000. Surrogate Miller suspended the proceeding until the Ohio suit is settled.

### SENATE AGAINST FREE SEEDS.

Votes by a Majority of One to Cut  
Off \$257,000 Appropriation.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The Senate voted this afternoon 32 to 31 to adopt an amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill striking from that measure as it passed the House an appropriation of \$257,000 for the distribution of free seeds. This is an annual fight.

For years there has been a popular agitation in favor of abolishing the privilege enjoyed by each Senator and each member of Congress of sending seeds to constituents through the mails under their franks.

### \$5,000,000 Mortgage Is Filed.

A \$5,000,000 mortgage made by the Astoria Light and Power Company to the Farmers Loan and Trust Company, of 22 William Street, was filed in Jamaica yesterday. It covers all property owned by the Astoria Company and also embraces the property of what was formerly known as the Citizens Mutual Gas and Light Company of Long Island City, and secures \$5,000 50-year gold bonds of \$1,000 each at 5½ per cent.

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THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL SALES WILL COMMENCE TO-MORROW (MONDAY):

## An Extraordinary Offering of 10,000 Yards of Imported Cotton Dress Fabrics of the finest qualities,

embracing an extensive and diversified assortment of Summer textiles variously adapted for home, out-door or party wear.

These materials, which will be sold in Dress Lengths only, will be marked at prices ranging from

**\$1.50 to \$12.50 per Dress Length,**

being about one-half the regular selling prices.

## 8,000 Yards of Black Dress Silks

40 inches wide, of choice quality, will be placed on sale at the special price of **\$1.90 per yard**

This Offering consists of Black Crepe Meteor, Black Crepe Charmeuse, Black Crepe de Chine and Imported Black Chiffon Taffeta.  
(Mail and Telephone Orders will receive prompt attention)

## Imported Dinner Gowns, Afternoon and Evening Dresses and Tailored and Demi-tailored Suits

representing the latest fashions from the leading Paris couturiers, will be offered, in the Department for Dressmaking and Tailoring,  
(Third Floor)

**at extraordinary concessions from original prices.**

Important Price Reductions will be made in a selection of

## Women's French Lingerie

(Hand-embroidered)

taken from the regular stock. It comprises Nightrobes, Chemises, Combinations, Pantalons, Petticoats, Princess Slips and Matinees,

**at unusually low prices.**

## Couch Hammocks

for Lawn and Veranda use, are now being shown in the Upholstery Department in an entirely new assortment which comprises Hammocks of standard makes, with all the latest improvements. The following are regular stock prices:

Infants' Swinging Couch Hammocks, complete with Stand and Canopy . . . . . at \$4.90

Couch Hammocks of special construction, in khaki, green and white, at \$9.00, 12.00, 15.00 and upward

Hammock Canopies . . . . . at \$6.00

Hammock Stands . . . . . at 3.75

In the same Department will be found Cedar Chests and Cretonne or Matting Utility Boxes at very attractive prices.

For TUESDAY,

May 12th

## A Very Unusual Sale of Misses' and Small Women's Washable Dresses and Separate Skirts

has been prepared, comprising a comprehensive selection of smart Summer models in the newest styles and the most popular cotton fabrics. This Sale will be held in the Department on the Second Floor, and will offer an exceptional opportunity at the following prices:

### Dresses

Of striped or figured voile . . . . . at \$4.85  
Of French linen or striped crepe . . . . . at 5.75  
Of Dresden flowered crepe . . . . . at 7.85  
Of striped voile, white or colored crepe, or Dresden flowered voile, 10.50  
Of plain and embroidered batiste in combination . . . . . at 16.75  
Of embroidered crepe at \$18.50 . . . . . Of embroidered net at 22.00

### Separate Skirts

Of pique at \$2.90 & 5.25 . . . . . Of eponge at \$4.50 . . . . . Of linen at \$4.50 & 5.25

## The New Blouses for Summer

now being shown at moderate prices, are representative of all that is smartest and most desirable in blouse fashions. Included in the collection are French hand-made Blouses, illustrating the most advanced ideas of the Paris designers; and also many American adaptations and originations that are altogether charming.

## The Storage Department

for Furs, Fur Garments, Portieres, Rugs and Lace Curtains, is located in the establishment and has unsurpassed facilities for storing, cleansing, altering and repairing. All Furs are carefully cleansed by compressed air (without additional charge) before being stored.

SPECIAL VALUES FOR TO-MORROW (MONDAY) ONLY:

## An Extraordinary Sale of Over 5,000 Cotton House Dresses

for Women's Summer wear

will consist of an entirely new lot of Morning Dresses in a variety of attractive styles and the wanted cotton fabrics, including lawns, flowered crepes, gingham, rice cloth, pique and crash, marked at the exceptionally low prices of

**\$1.45, \$2.25, \$3.00 & \$3.75**

(Department on the Second Floor)

A Special Feature in the Women's Ready-to-wear Department will be

## Women's Cape Suits and Cape Coat Suits

(the season's latest novelties), at the remarkably low price of . . . . . **\$32.00**

## Women's Summer Dresses of Cotton and Linen Fabrics

Appreciable Reductions have been made in the prices of a number of High-cost Cotton Dresses. These are now priced at

**\$65.00, \$78.00 & \$125.00**

A number of desirable dresses, the remainder of a special purchase, have been marked at . . . . . **\$7.50 & 15.00**

(Department on the Third Floor)

## An Exceptional Sale of Women's Silk Gowns for Afternoon and Evening

at . . . . . **\$27.50**  
being about one-half to one-third their actual value.

These Gowns are representative of the latest styles and are made of the choicest silk fabrics.

A Sale of Special Interest in the Infants' Department will consist of

## Infants' Imported Hand-made Slips and Little Girls' Dresses & Coats

at decided concessions from the regular prices.

Infants' Long Slips, daintily hand-embroidered . . . . . at \$1.05, 2.25 & 2.75

Little Girls' Fine Hand-embroidered Batiste Dresses (sizes 6 months to 5 years), in Yoke, Empire and Princess styles; also Smocked, Princess and Russian Dresses of linen, pique and crepe . . . . . at \$2.25, 3.25 & 3.90

Little Girls' Hand-embroidered Pique Coats (sizes 6 months to 2½ years) . . . . . at \$3.50

Also included in this Sale are

Infants' Hand-embroidered Lingerie Bibs at . . . . . 70c

Infants' Embroidered Pillow Cases at . . . . . \$1.35 & 2.25

Infants' Carriage Afghans of hand-embroidered pique . . . . . at \$2.75

## Unusually Large Reductions

have been effected in the prices of the remaining assortments of

## Women's Imported Coats & Wraps

in appropriate styles and materials for Afternoon and Evening wear. These Garments are now offered at

**fully one-third to one-half less than the original prices.**

## A Special Sale of Women's and Misses' Sweaters

of light-weight wool, in a variety of attractive colors, will suggest a desirable addition to the Summer outfit, and will offer excellent value at . . . . . **\$6.50**

## A Large Quantity of Imported Cretonnes

will be specially priced

at . . . . . **25c. per yard**

this representing an approximate reduction (in many of the styles included) of more than one-half the original price.

In view of the excellent qualities, the variety of designs and the general durability of these Cretonnes for Summer Draperies, Slip Covers, etc., this is one of the most interesting Sales of the season.

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